

## **California Dried Plum Board**

### **Statement of Principle: Animal Research**

The California Dried Plum Board (CDPB) invests in sound science to better understand the nutrient composition and human health benefits of prunes. Our nutrition research mission is to educate consumers about the role prunes can play in helping them maintain good health and reduce the risk of nutrition-related diseases. We have a distinguished Nutrition Advisory Panel that currently works with scientists at major research institutions to discover new or expanded roles for prunes in digestive, bone and other health priorities. Our nutrition research portfolio includes literature and epidemiology reviews, nutrient analysis, animal studies and human clinical trials. Research involving animals is restricted to areas where there are no other alternatives to advance human nutrition and medical science and such research must be conducted in an ethical and humane way. Prior to initiating any research, institutions and their research labs are required to submit to the CDPB a copy of their AAALAC International accreditation and a statement that they adhere to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) standards for animal care. AAALAC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through voluntary accreditation and assessment programs. Nearly 1,000 research institutions globally have earned AAALAC accreditation demonstrating their commitment to responsible animal care.